

Greenbelt News Review

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Council Closes Year With New Music, Repeat Chorus On Ridge Assessment

by Bill Rowland

Councilman Charles Schwan, as an addition by him to the agenda for the December 15 council meeting, made an oral statement of reply to a letter which had appeared in a Prince Georges County news paper several days before. The letter, from a Greenbelt resident who had opposed the Ridge Road Special Assessment ordinance, attacked the city council's conduct of the November 17 public hearing on the ordinance, and its motives in passing the ordinance.

The statement by Schwan provoked a lengthy exchange between audience opponents of the ordinance, who wanted to reopen the entire issue, and individual council members torn between defending the merits of the earlier decision on the one hand and, on the other hand, trying to confine all discussion to the on-the-agenda statement by Schwan. Councilman Richard Pilski said, "I hope this council table is not going to become a forum for replies to letters in newspapers," and expressed regret that Schwan had brought up the topic.

In other actions, council:

—Accepted Walker Drive and Capitol Drive, in the Golden Triangle, into the city road system for maintenance. The acceptance put several conditions on the prior owners of the Golden Triangle: that they give the city a \$13,000 letter of credit to pay for the first year of maintenance; that they replace some street-side trees which have died; that they make storm-drain corrections if required by WSSC; and that they install street lights as soon as PEPCO makes electrical service available.

—Asked the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board to work with the Windsor Green Homeowners' Association in suggesting a name for the ballfield on the school property in the Windsor Green Development. This new ballfield has been constructed by the Windsor Green developer, Rozansky and Kay, as a condition of development approval by the city. Technically, acceptance of the work on the ballfield has been given by the county Park and Planning Commission and not by the city. However, city staff is pleased with the quality of construction. While the

ballfield is on county Board of Education land, it is for exclusive Greenbelt use, is subject to city permit control, and will be maintained by the city. Council also voted to send a letter of appreciation to the county Planning Board for obtaining this quality ballfield development.

—Appropriated \$24,000 from the unappropriated surplus in the Greenway Center Special Assessment Fund to pay the city's share of the cost of a traffic signal at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. As a result of the annexation agreement for the Greenway Center, Western Development Corporation pays one-third of the cost of the signal; the State Highway Administration pays 25 percent; and the city pays the remaining 41 percent. The surplus money has resulted from investment of Fund money not needed to meet current obligations. Any additional surplus when the Greenway project is completed will be transferred to the city's General Fund.

—Appropriated \$1,102 for purchase of a snow plow to be mounted on a smaller four-wheel-drive vehicle. The city has enough larger trucks with plows for its current needs. The smaller vehicle is particularly useful for plowing cul-de-sacs and narrower subdivision streets where there is also on-street parking.

—Had the first reading of a resolution to transfer funds for payment of City Consulting Engineer John Emler for advice given recently to the city on several matters not covered by other sources of payment. These mat-

ters include the Greenbriar Pumping Station, Post Office use of the North Parking Lot, and the Public Works Yard.

—Approved an increase in tuition reimbursement costs for city employees voluntarily pursuing education related to their jobs. The increase is retroactive to July 1, 1980. When the city's Policy on Post-Entry Training was adopted in 1974, it specified that employees going for job-related education, and meeting other required conditions, would be eligible for tuition reimbursement of up to \$150 per semester and \$300 per year. Since 1974, tuition at area schools (particularly Prince Georges Community College and the University of Maryland) has risen considerably. The new limits adopted by council are \$200 per semester and \$400 per year, with the retroactive cost to the city being \$200. Normally two or three city employees take advantage of the training policy each year, but this year there are four such employees.

Wounded Student Home From Hospital

by Elaine Skolnik

The 16-year-old student who was stabbed in an armed robbery attempt outside Eleanor Roosevelt High School on December 9 was released from Doctor's Hospital on Monday. The youth was stabbed in the shoulder when he refused to hand over his camera to his assailants.

Greenbelt police are looking for two adult black males who were carrying a knife and blue steel .32 caliber revolver. One suspect is described as 6 feet tall and in his late 20's or 30's. He has a heavy build and weighs from 190 to 200 lbs. He may have a mustache and close-cropped hair. The suspect was wearing a dark brown suede or leather coat and blue jeans.

The second suspect is reported to be in his early 20's, with a thin build, is about 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 130 to 135 pounds. His beard is scraggly and hair close-cropped. The suspect was wearing a dark-blue, waist length jacket and blue jeans.

The descriptions were compiled after police interviewed the victim and various witnesses.

Police have completed their canvas of the neighborhood surrounding Roosevelt. Reportedly, the suspects fled into the Greenbriar condominium development following the robbery attempt. The police have not yet made any arrests. The charge will be armed robbery and assault with intent to commit murder.

Anyone, in particular those who reside in the Greenbriar area, who may have seen the suspects leaving the scene late Tuesday morning (December 9) should call the police at 474-7200. The information will be kept confidential. Detective Corporal Ernest Brumley is in charge of the investigation, assisted by Corporal Tom Cecarelli.

Master Classes, Public Lecture Augment Symphony Concert

by Albert K. Herling

Tickets for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra concert on Jan. 6 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are selling at a brisk pace. The outstanding cultural event, sponsored by the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, is winning wide support in Greenbelt and areas outside of Greenbelt and is bringing expressions of admiration for the fledgling Cultural Arts Center and the City of Greenbelt.

County officials and members of the State Legislature as well as representatives of the arts from a wide area are planning to attend.

The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra announced two additional benefits for residents of the area as a result of the concert sponsorship:

1—A free public lecture by Ronald Kaye, Audio Librarian at the Hyattsville Library of the Prince Georges Memorial Library System, will be held in Greenbelt on Friday evening, Jan. 2, at a location to be announced. The free lecture, funded by the Maryland Council for the Humanities and arranged by the Baltimore Symphony, will deal with the composers and their music scheduled for the Jan. 6 concert.

2—Arrangements are being firmed up for Master Classes to be conducted by members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. These Master Classes are tentatively scheduled for Jan. 8 and will be offered to selected high school students. Mrs. Dorothy Picard, conductor of Eleanor Roosevelt High School Orchestra, is involved in the arrangements with Gary Good, manager of the Baltimore Symphony.

The Jan. 6 concert is the very first in the Bell System's "American Orchestras on Tour" program. This Bell System program is making it possible for the Baltimore Symphony to come to Greenbelt at this time.

Tickets may be secured by mail by sending checks made out to the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Inc. (See ad for prices). Tickets may also be purchased at Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, Monday through Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. For additional information call 474-4621.

Invitations are in the mail for the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center fund-raising event to be held at the Greenbriar Community Building immediately following the concert. The fund-raiser will be a reception for Maestro Sergiu Comissiona, Music Director and Conductor of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. For information call 474-4621.

Girl Scout Troop 95

Greenbelt Junior Girl Scout Troop 95 has openings for fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls. For more information call Joan Miller at 345-8705.

News Review Deadline

The next 2 weeks issues of the News Review will be published on Wednesday because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The office will be open Monday, Dec. 22 and Monday, Dec. 29 from 8 to 10 p.m., instead of the usual Tuesday. Deadline for submission of articles and advertising will be 10 p.m. Monday at the office, and 4:30 p.m. Monday at the Twin Pines box.

Council Exploring Cable TV Options

by Leta Mach

City Council's action on December 8 signalled a small step toward Cable TV for Greenbelt. Council authorized staff to approach New Carrollton about the possibility of jointly seeking Request for Proposals (RFPs) for cable television. Before the undertaking is authorized, Council requested staff report back to council with more details.

In his agenda comments, City Manager James Giese reported that the Prince Georges County Television Commission had issued its RFP for county cable television service. Council was reminded that the city will be required to opt in or out of the county system within 30 days of the County Cable TV franchise award. Staff also reported that New Carrollton, one of the few neighboring cities which has not granted its own franchise, would soon issue RFPs for the purpose of comparison with the county system. Citing the advantages of shared staff time and costs, as well as greater cable company interest because of the larger district, staff suggested pursuing a joint RFP with New Carrollton.

Although Councilman Thomas White was not yet ready to issue RFPs, he supported the joint undertaking. He noted that council should have some input in the RFP. Councilman Charles Schwan felt the idea would "give us some benchmarks to see advantages in going alone, with New Carrollton or the county." "We don't have anything to lose by it," Mayor Gil Weidenfeld noted, "We're not locked into it."

Councilman Richard Pilski did not see any benefit in the proposal. Instead, he suggested that staff be directed to prepare an ordinance to franchise. "You're coming to a point where you have to stop playing games," he said. Schwan, however, did not want an ordinance yet. "I want to keep the county option open," he said.

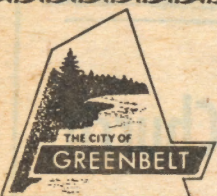
Celebrating in Greenbelt

Santa Claus will be at the Youth Center for his annual visit on Saturday, December 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. All children are invited to talk with Santa. Children are encouraged to bring a toy for a toy exchange.

From 1-3 p.m. Santa will visit the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. A Christmas party will be sponsored by the Springhill Lake Community House for resident families only.

On Saturday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. carolers will serenade shoppers at the Center Mall. Greenbelters are invited to join in singing the old familiar holiday favorites.

Wrapping up the holiday season's programs are the Jaycees who will travel through the City judging outdoor visual displays. (Dec. 19-23).



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The City Offices will be closed on Friday, December 26, 1980. The office in the Public Works Department will also be closed on December 26, but refuse service will be provided on that day. (See Refuse Schedule). The offices will be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 during the week of Dec. 29 - Jan. 2, except for New Year's Day, January 1.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

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News Review Carriers Bring Season's Greetings

Around this time of year it is customary for the **News Review** delivery boys and girls to make personal calls on the homes they service to present Christmas cards and greetings. The **News Review's** financial position is such that we cannot pay our carriers very high remuneration. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

Most of our carriers range in age from pre-teen to the middle teens. For the younger boys and girls, delivering the **News Review** is their first job experience. Many of the older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the **News Review** mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all of these youngsters and, in some cases, the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords us all a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these youngsters and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that might have occurred during the year.

Mishkan Torah News

The Mishkan Torah will feature an Experimental Theater on Friday, Dec. 19. Services start at 8 p.m. Carl Roberts will be the guest speaker at the Saturday service which starts at 9:30 a.m. Roberts will speak about the recent Supreme Court decision pertaining to the question of church and state issues.

A membership meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

Utopia Needs Volunteer

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center is seeking a volunteer to coordinate procuring programs for children. This volunteer would be responsible for arranging for shows such as magicians, puppets, introduction to the orchestra, musical comedy, opera and dance aimed at a children's audience. Workshops in the arts for children might also be arranged by the volunteer.

Anyone interested in handling children's programming or in working with the Programming Committee should call Graceanne Adamo at 345-8826.

CITY NOTES

The general crew repaired potholes last week. "Handicapped Parking" signs were installed at several locations. The storage area in the Public Works compound was cleaned.

The parks crew collected leaves with the leaf vacuum every day last week. The chipper was out for one day and roadside debris was picked up. City parks were cleaned and new receptacles were placed in the Lake Park. Goal posts were removed from Braden and North End Fields for the winter. The ornamental fencing around the Roosevelt Tree was painted.

Special trash collection requests were very heavy.

Candlelight Service At Holy Cross Church

Holy Cross Lutheran Church will hold its traditional candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24 at 10 p.m. A pre-service musical program will begin at 9:15, prior to the formal service, when the choir, soloists and instrumentalists, under the direction of Mrs. Carole McDonnell, will perform.

Soloists from the Greenbelt area include Judi Manual, Helen Coe, Karen Celdran, Dolly Tome, Franki Nelson, Scott Wycherley, Mike Horsman and Tom Reich. The Reverend Edward H. Birner extends an invitation to the community to attend this service being held at the church on Greenbelt Road.

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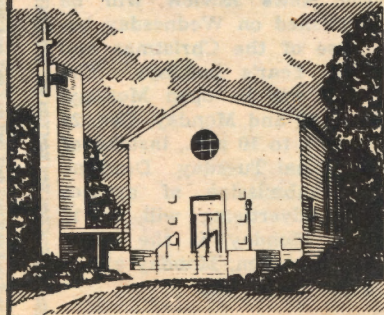
Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 am

Worship Services 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Mid-week Prayer service (Wed.) 8:00 pm

For bus transportation, call Church office
8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. weekdays.

Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
Hillside and Crescent Roads
Phone 474-6171 mornings
Christian Education (all ages)

10 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Nursery provided at
2B Hillside

Rev. Sherry Taylor and
Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

A New Year's Eve Party will be held at the Mishkan Torah on Wednesday, December 31. There will be a live band, food and entertainment. For reservations call 577-4361 or 441-1353.

Party Honors Barnes

by Eileen Peterson

The walls groaned on Friday, December 12, when almost 100 persons descended upon the home of Charles and Pat Brown to honor Sandra Barnes. They came from the far corners of the Greenbelt universe — Springhill Lake, Windsor Green, Greenbriar—and from the inner core—Lakeside, Lakewood, Boxwood, Woodland Hills, GHI—to toast Sandy for her many civic contributions and to reminisce with her and Alexander and with each other on the accomplishments and frustrations of working with GHI, the Labor Day Festival, the **News Review** and other activities.

It was difficult to determine at first what would be the dominant mood of the gathering. Many showed that they shared the indignation of the letter of invitation at the manner in which Sandy left GHI. Others were bewildered that someone of her capabilities and accomplishments would be asked to leave. When it was learned, however, that Sandy's new position with the National Association of Counties promises to be exciting and challenging, the mood lightened considerably. The feeling shared by all was expressed by the donor of a gift. "We came," she said, "not only to pay tribute to Sandy because of her capability, but to show her that we love her."

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

May the good Lord bless all the wonderful people who make this town such a wonderful place to live.

FRANK GOMEZ

The Howard Savage's

extend to all their
friends in Greenbelt
their Best Wishes
for a

Happy Holiday Season

December at Utopia

The Theater is hosting a "Coffeehouse" Friday, December 19, with three popular area performers: Dan Brenner, Daryl Beard and Jim Olson.

Comedian Dan Brenner has appeared at El Brookman's, Washington's answer to the Comedy Store in Los Angeles. Many of today's rising comedians—Robin Williams, David Brenner, Jimmy Walker, Steve Martin—started in places like El Brookman's—innovative comedy workshops where they can test their material. Dan Brenner in his spare time—when he is not telling jokes—serves as legal assistant to the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

Daryl Beard, a folksinger, has entertained at many of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center coffeehouses, and he has performed at colleges and universities on the East coast from North Carolina to New Hampshire. His repertoire includes numbers by Judy Collins, Tom Paxton, Jim Croce, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell and Don McLean. Beard will also sing original numbers from his album, "One of Everything."

Jim Olson, a professional pia-

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor

474-1924

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and Dinner

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Petersilia - Foster

Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Petersilia of Annandale, Virginia announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Kathleen, to Sterling Scott Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander Foster III of Greenbelt. A spring wedding is planned.

nist will play jazz from the 40's and 50's, and some improvisational music. Olson has played with a number of groups including the Charles Mitchell Quartet. He currently entertains at Rumors on 19th Street.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS:

"The Red Shoes," a popular children's play, will return for just four performances Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 27 and 28. The Baltimore Symphony concert is January 6 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

For additional information performance times, ticket information, etc. see the ads in this edition.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

422-8057

"Forget your own selves, and turn your eyes towards your neighbor"

Baha'i Writings

Bahá'í Faith

PUBLIC MEETING

— All welcome —

SLIDE PROGRAM ABOUT THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

Friday, Dec. 19 * 8:00 p.m.

120 Rosewood

more information call 474-4090

St. Hughes Catholic Church

135 Crescent Road - 474-4322

Wishes everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas

Mass Schedule:

December 24 - 6 p.m. (Children's Liturgy)

7:30 p.m.

Carols beginning at 11:30 p.m.

12 Midnight

December 25 - 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Confessions:

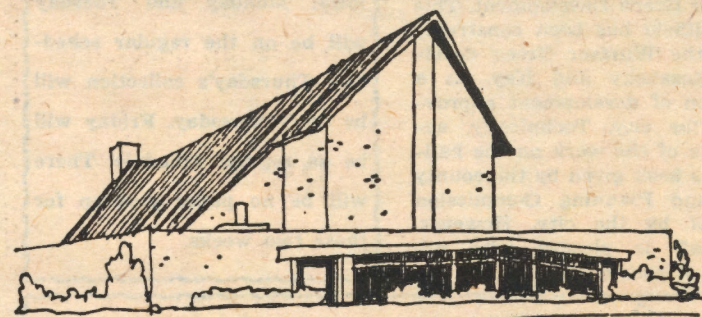
December 22 - 11 a.m. to 12 Noon

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

December 23 - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

December 24 - 11 a.m. to 12 Noon

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

No Case Made

City Councilman Charles F. Schwan, Jr. in a letter to the editor which appeared in the *News Review* December 11 demonstrates what appears to us to be a continuing, if not legal blindness, then certainly ethical blindness with respect to the appropriateness of the usage of the city's special assessment powers for the upper Ridge Road Improvements. We regard GHI as a large community-based organization and hence an appropriate recipient of such an assessment. However, suppose that Schwan is correct, then the GHI special assessment which benefited primarily one of the four large GHI freestanding homes owned by a past member and president of the GHI Board of Directors was incorrect. The case at this level is quite similar to the new large homes planned at upper Ridge Road. Indeed, the usage of the city's special assessment powers to benefit a large expensive GHI house, which Schwan was a principal proponent in the building of, is most likely the type of precedent Schwan had in mind. We do not believe that two wrongs make a right and hence if the earlier special assessment is of the type which Schwan contends it is, this past mistake hardly justifies a repeat of it today.

We sincerely believe that low density development in the city's perimeter that was originally designed to be the city's green belt is a highly laudable goal. We also believe that the special assessment powers of the city are not needed for this development to take place. Certainly, no case was made for its being necessary by any of the proponents of the assessment who generated much emotional heat and little logical light at the hearing. As the *News Review* reported, there is a very large demand for this kind of housing, so that if a few of the original lot owners could develop the property without the assessment, there existed many others who could. Since most of the lot owners as reported in the *News Review* are planning on building this Spring despite the very adverse financial climate, we suspect that few of the original owners would be displaced.

What probably really distresses Schwan is not our alleged "strange myopia" but rather that we see things clearly, too clearly for his comfort.

Steve Curtis
John Lewis
Ed James

(Editor's Note: The GHI special assessment cited above related to the road construction for the cut-through between Greenhill Road and Hillside Road. The cut-through, protested by both GHI

Letters to the Editor

Eye of the Beholder

At the December 15 council meeting, Councilman Charles Schwan requested that his reply to a letter I had written to the *Prince Georges Journal* be placed on the agenda. My letter expressed my reaction to the public hearing on the special assessment for eight Greenbelt families. I characterized the hearing as a "kangaroo court" and the ordinance as catering to special rather than public interests.

When the item came up for discussion, Schwan read his reply. He disagreed with my description of the hearing, claiming that "Perception is in the eye of the beholder," and that the tenor of the hearing had nothing to do with the issue. I am reminded of the saying, "There are none so blind as those who will not see." The manner in which citizens addressing the council are treated has everything to do with the issue. It lets the people know whether the council is favoring its friends, or acting upon conviction and principles.

Since Schwan did not introduce the item for the sake of getting a reply from the council, I do not understand why he brought the issue before council again. I do not understand why he requested that it be put on the agenda. I do not understand why he would use his seat on the council simply to pontificate. The proper forum for a reply to letters to the editor is, of course, the op-ed page of the newspaper.

Nor do I understand why Mayor Weidenfeld did not turn the gavel over to the mayor pro-tem when the item came up for discussion, as he had done at the public hearing. As one of the beneficiaries he should not have chaired any discussion relating to the special assessment ordinance. Instead, he opined that my letter had damaged the credibility and respect which the Greenbelt City Council had among state and county officials. By its action the council has done that to itself. I merely called attention to it.

Richard Ley

Common Sense Needed

By the way of introduction, I am one of three remaining original board members who served at the time of the purchase from the U.S. Government.

I must admit my interest in board activities, until recently, has been somewhat lax but from articles I have read I am very much concerned about the . . . unconcerned, . . . jugheaded, stupid decisions made by this board recently.

In spite of existing official negative warnings about urea formaldehyde insulation, this board has had installed this cancer forming poisonous insulation in some of the houses. This was a most ridiculous decision and we all must now live with it; however we can demand that the board instruct the proper personnel to inform prospective buyers of the situation and require necessary legal waivers for the legal protection of all of us. I understand that some of these board members are now building detached housing. (I wonder if they are installing this poison in their new homes.) These people should be the first to require these waivers on the sale of their GHI homes.

Election time is not far off; let all of us remember the above actions. There surely must be plenty of common sense people interested in board activities. I served my time. The present labor debacle is just another example of poor management and dictatorial judgment.

Roy K. Davis

(Editor's Note: The GHI board has reversed its original position. The use of urea-formaldehyde insulation is no longer permitted.)

Opening Salvo

Richard W. Ley's letter to the Editor of December 11, indicating that council passed a special assessment ordinance to favor only a few Greenbelt residents strikes me as the opening salvo of a political drive. A person outside the city reading Ley's letter would get the feeling that council would not consider extending the same courtesy to other residents who were interested in building single family homes. The members of city council, fortunately, have viewed this particular ordinance and others from the standpoint of whether or not they would be in the best interest of the city and the residents.

The editorial "Blowing Hot and Cold" in the same issue of the *News Review* puts the problem into its proper perspective and I wholeheartedly endorse the last sentence: "Greenbelt citizens, we feel, should applaud, not criticize, council's action."

Stephen Polaschik

High Point Reunion

The High Point High School class of 1971 will hold its 10-year reunion on July 11, 1981. For more information call 937-9231.

THANKS

To all my friends, neighbors and colleagues—my thanks for all your good wishes as I leave one job and begin another. My special thanks to Pat and Charlie Brown and David and Deanne Lange for arranging such a super party last week. It made me feel so good—so proud to be a member of this special community.

To my friends in GHI, I will continue to do all that is in my power to further the interests of the cooperative. I will be happy to assist any one of you if the need arises.

My family and I wish you a happy holiday season and a better 1981.

Sandra Barnes

*We Wish
All Our Friends
In Greenbelt
A Joyful
Holiday Season*

George Loutsch Family

*Warmest Holiday Greetings
to our Greenbelt friends and neighbors*

The Weidenfeld Family

Gil, Muriel, Sharon & Ellen

Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center presents the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Sergiu Comissiona, Music Director

Tuesday, January 6, 1981 at 8 p.m.

at

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

PROGRAM

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RAVEL	Pavanne
RAVEL	Rapsodie Espagnole
DVOŘÁK	Symphony No. 8, G major. Op. 88

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GHI Board Discusses Financing; Member Charges Discrimination

by Sid Kastner

Though the agenda drawn up for the Thursday evening, Dec. 4, regular GHI meeting included a long list of items, the night's main subject of discussion — not originally on the agenda — was the need for a special membership meeting to satisfy requirements drawn up by financing agencies. In the process, several hours worth of clarification and education on the hard figures took place; but it does appear now that the corporation may be nearing the culmination of its long effort to achieve a solid financing package for the large-scale rehabilitation project. ... (the membership meeting was subsequently cancelled.)

Member Complaints

At the beginning of the meeting, a wide difference in viewpoints between some of the members and the present board with regard to "recent developments" — apparently referring to controversies within GHI and in the civic arena as a whole — surfaced in a statement read to the board by former director Stephen Polaschik, who said "We elect board members to represent us and not to have them dictate to the membership, to usurp management responsibilities, or to discriminate against certain members." When director Ed James responded "Are you accusing us of discrimination?" Polaschik replied in the affirmative.

Another complaint of the more usual kind heard in recent weeks came from a member living in 73 Court Ridge who was upset because workers had made her family "empty our attic for the third time," as a result of several changes in scheduling insulation and partition work. In response to

a question by Evelyn Feller on this point, chief engineer Ove Kongsted assured the member that the work could be done within the week; a motion by director John Lewis was passed to formalize this.

Financing Picture

General manager Kenneth Kopstein informed the board that Congressional legislation passed during the week has put GHI into the category of single-family housing and condominiums, for revenue bond financing purposes, rather than the multi-family as expected. This adds to the urgency generated by this week's communication from GHI's bond counsel and underwriters that the proposed municipal bond issue must be finalized by the end of this year, because any delay will be compounded by the added paperwork GHI will face to comply with single-family rules.

With respect to some further loans contemplated, Kopstein stated that these were stipulated by the state agency, Community Development Administration, to be available as contingency reserves only, and would be drawn on only in case of cost overruns. Such reserves are being required in lieu of the performance bond, because GHI is in the unusual situation of serving as its own contractor. They would consist of a formal loan of 4.5 million from the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, and additional contingency reserves of 1.2 million and \$700,000 on which repayment, if necessary, will be at the mortgage rate of interest.

In response to numerous questions from board members, and the audience, Kopstein then summarized the total costs to date of the rehabilitation program, in probably the clearest exposition yet, as follows; actual construction costs are estimated at \$13,340,

000; to this will be added, if now approved, the presently discussed sums of 4.5 million and 1.2 million for contingency reserves together with the \$700,000 to satisfy Section 8 (low-income) requirements if necessary, totaling as an upper limit \$19,740,000. He stressed that not all of this should be needed. With respect to the manner of financing, the revenue bond issue would produce \$17,740,000 of which \$15,240,000 would be the actual mortgage assumed by GHI, the difference being a default reserve of \$2.5 million.

Townhouse and GDC Matters

Director Steve Curtis brought up a flow chart approach to the two topics of townhouse financial affairs and rehabilitation of the GDC (Greenbelt Development Corporation) apartments. With respect to the townhouse capital improvement program in general, member Tony McCarthy who resides in one of the townhouses commented that the members in those homes have developed their own set of suggestions on how to proceed, which he urged should be included in any information sent out. On a motion by director Wayne Williams, the Finance committee will take up the townhouse situation, including such matters as rehabilitation financing, resale policy, GHI interest in the homes, etc. Director James suggested that Williams spell out the details he wants dealt with, for the committee's benefit.

Curtis' emphasis on starting consideration of GDC conversion at this time was received only reluctantly by manager Kopstein, who reminded him that it has recently been decided not to push rehabilitation of the GDC apartments. Kopstein and assistant manager Tim Mitter noted that the staff's workload was presently very heavy. However, Cur-

tis argued that the staff involvement need not be great and that useful committee work can be done now on some of the flow chart blocks.

In a last action of the evening, a motion by Curtis was passed to impose a moratorium on the "buy-back" of GHI homes from members, excluding "Paragraph 11" homes which the staff will still have freedom to negotiate for. Williams and Hogensen voted against the action because "it will tie management's hands".

Write-A-Book Winners

Students from Greenbelt schools were among those honored recently for their efforts in the Write-A-Book Festival for the 1979-80 school year held at Largo High School. The winners were: North End Elementary—Ronit Dancis, Lucille Gorman; Spring Hill Lake Elementary—Lisa Byrd, Ashley Emanuel; Mary Bethune Jr. High—Roger Dwivedi, Joe Fishanich, Jay Gordon, Paul Hunt, Danny Millard, Dan Sutherland.

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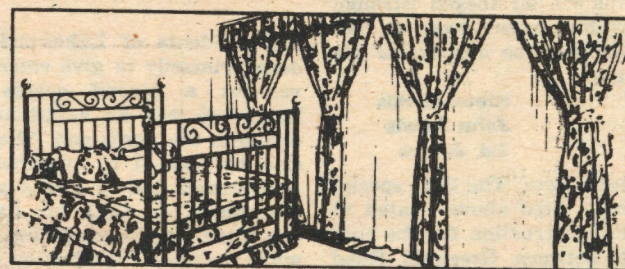
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News Review Takes Two Of Three Media Awards at PGCPRA Banquet

The *News Review* again captured two of three media awards at the annual awards banquet of the Prince Georges County Public Relations Association. Plaques were presented by the organization's president, Jack Rowzie of MCD Enterprises, at the banquet on Friday, November 9.

Winning as the "best feature" was the story of a midnight ride with police Cpl. Jim Craze, written by staff reporter Hally Ahearn. The story gave a behind-the-scenes view of police work and the men who perform this important service to the community.

Winning the "news" category was a series on the city budget. Nine articles appeared in the *News Review* beginning with the April 17 issue covering the manager's budget, to the work sessions devoted to selected budget categories such as recreation, public works and revenues, through the public hearing in late May and final adoption of the budget in early June. Many staff reporters contributed to the series: Leta Mach, Hally Ahearn, (2), Barbara Likowski, Will Scheltema, Mary Lou Williamson, (3), Virginia Beauchamp.

In judging the entries, the Adams Group, a public relations firm, looked for articles which best describe life, in its broadest sense, in Prince Georges County and which most appropriately communicate to the readers of that particular publication.

PGCPRA is a professional organization dedicated to promoting the interests and welfare of Prince Georges County.

The following paragraphs are excerpted from the *News Review's* award-winning feature story.

I tried to nap before our rendezvous, but my eyes were cocked open. What is a cop? I remembered a story in my elementary reader about the nice man in blue who led Sally and Timmy home when they were lost. I remembered the swinging night sticks on TV news in the sixties. I remembered, rubbing together moist palms, a stream of shoot-outs and high-speed chases from the tube. I was curious. I was also yellow.

At midnight I plunged into the passenger side of the patrol car

"Look over there," said Craze. With the searchlight he pinned our first suspect. The suspect's race was indeterminate — black with white stripes — but the criminal type was easy to identify. He was a real skunk. Craze carefully herded him out of the building with the light and as we came back down the drive we

caught sight of an accomplice, escaping in a fast waddle up the bank . . .

We cruised the parking lot in front of Beltway Plaza . . . The movie had just let out and there were lots of people around, standing in clumps or walking to their cars. All of them glanced at us, at the patrol car. Many stopped moving or talking and followed the car with their eyes. This phenomenon, Craze told me, was hard for him to get used to when he first became a policeman . . .

As we drove slowly around Roosevelt High School gym Craze bent forward and pointed up. "Look at those stars," he said. We rolled off the crest of the hill toward the cup of the Big Dipper, its scoop touching down on the horizon. Craze grew up in Frostburg, made it through high school "for the football games and parties," entered the Air Force, and then joined the Greenbelt City Police right out of the service. "I never thought, I never even dreamed I'd go to college," he said. "But I came here and a lot of the guys were taking courses. They encouraged me to do it, too." He got his degree last year.

A call came in, a reported vehicle tampering. We careened onto Greenbelt Road and sped off in a cloud of red and blue light, a haze of sound . . . We pulled into a lot alongside the B-sector car and I sat back for another silent movie.

The suspect, leaning against a parked car was valiantly holding his head above his neck. He was, without a doubt, very drunk. The officers conferred, then talked to

the man, who talked back sharply and wagged his finger loosely in the air. As the officers returned to their cars he wobbled off. "What's the story?" I asked.

"He was probably bent over between two cars, you know (unloading the contents of his stomach) . . . he asked us to leave, Craze added, "because he has a friend in a rock band who's coming to pick him up. He said his friend doesn't like cops." He chuckled wryly. A subtle remark for someone in that guy's condition, I thought, laughing too . . .

Rehabilitation Brief

by Pat Estel

Attic Insulation

Attic insulation will be started on January 5. Apologies to members who got notice for December 1. This insulation will be fiberglass blown in to fill in between the floor joists. Attics must be completely empty to allow this insulation to be blown in. All flooring must be removed before the insulators arrive.

Attic Partitions

About one third of the 992 frame units have had partitions put in. Those who do not have an opening to the attic will have one put in at this time.

Vinyl Siding

Vinyl siding has been tentative-

ly approved by the necessary agencies and work will begin on siding some time in the new year.

Windows

Windows are going in at a rapid rate and the window people expect to finish sometime next summer. After installation of the windows from the outside, the installers will need to enter homes to caulk the windows from the inside.

Ad Hoc Complaint Committee

This is a committee specifically set up to help members who have had problems with rehab. If you feel you are not being listened to, have a problem with GHDC or any of its personnel, this is your chance to air your grievance. Any questions or problems should be referred to Pat Estel at 474-2300.

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by Punchin' Judy

Anatomy of a Wedding

Everything was so easy. The bride knew exactly what she wanted and made all the arrangements. The church and minister were available on the desired date. Reception rooms were reserved at a hotel and the menu was chosen. The bride and her attendants were fitted for gowns and tuxedos were selected for the groom, best man, and ushers. Instructions were given to the photographer. Flowers were ordered and the invitations were engraved and duly expedited.

Two weeks before the wedding bride and mother basked in a glow of self congratulation. There was nothing left to do except to count the little reply cards which were being returned at a frustratingly slow rate. "It's going to be a beautiful wedding, isn't it?" asked the bride. "Everything will be wonderful," she was assured.

Ha! and again ha! The hotel called. They were so sorry, but due to a bookkeeping error a large convention had been booked into the area where the reception was to be held. There were tears and mild to moderate hysterics. Too late now to change to another hotel; the thought of trying to reach a hundred people to inform them of a change was mind boggling. Substitute accommodations in the same hotel were reluctantly accepted.

The little reply cards still were not coming in. The groom was not satisfied with any of the recommended bands. He finally chose a seven member group. The banquet manager was incredulous. "A seven piece band? Why didn't you just hire the National Symphony Orchestra?"

A week before the wedding the bride lost her shoes in Laurel. A midnight search of that town turned up no leads. A new pair of shoes was located, but before they could be picked up, the original pair resurfaced. The little reply cards still were not coming in. The groom, who had been out of the country on business, returned three days before the wedding. Two days later it was

discovered that he had not yet procured a ring.

The night before the wedding, the rehearsal was attended by a groom with a toothache, a bride with a painful inflammation, an usher with a sore throat, and two bridal attendants with a bad case of flu. The little reply cards still were not coming in.

The morning of the wedding dawned. An early phone call came from someone who apologized for not sending in his little reply card. He was coming anyway. We wondered how many guests we would actually have. The bride and two attendants went to Georgetown to have their hair done. The groom's tuxedo proved unsuitable and he had to be fitted for another one. The wedding was scheduled for four p.m. Mother agreed to meet the bridal party at the church at three. She brought along all the gowns and two friends. The two friends turned out to be a good idea, since their presence probably saved her from a nervous breakdown.

At three-thirty the bride, maid of honor, and bridesmaid had not yet put in an appearance. At five minutes of four the minister asked if everyone was ready. "The girls aren't here yet," the mother told him anxiously. "Should I panic?" "Not yet," he advised, adding "They almost always show up eventually." The scheduled time of the ceremony came and went. The groom was becoming visibly worried. The organist was playing and the guests were sitting in the pews. At half past the hour, mother was frantic. Should she call the police? The hospitals? The beauty parlor? The latter seemed like the best idea, but the number was not in the phone book. A helpful operator located the correct number. The beauty parlor at first disclaimed all knowledge of the missing girls, but one of the employees remembered that a wedding party had rushed out of the place some twenty minutes before. Mother, somewhat relieved, alerted her friends to the imminent arrival of the bride and attendants.

Some minutes later three well-coiffed but desperate looking girls rushed in. Before they knew what was happening, they were stripped of their street clothes, stuffed into their gowns, and handed

their bouquets. The minister knocked at the door of the bride's room to ask when we thought she would be ready, and was amazed when we assured him that everything was go.

From that moment on, we entered a fantasy world. Suddenly everything fell into place. The

bride came down the aisle looking like a princess. The ceremony was lovely. The substitute reception room turned out to be magnificent. The food was delicious, the orchestra had a great sound. The speeches were funny and touching. The guests ate, and danced, and chattered with every appear-

ance of enjoyment, and apologized for not sending in the little reply cards.

Now we are having a fine time looking at the photographs. It was altogether a wedding to remember. And, like all fairy tales come true, we are sure bride and groom will live happily ever after.



As the 1980 holiday season nears and the year comes to a close, it is once more the time to reflect on the past year. Greenbelt has experienced significant changes in its character with construction of the Greenway Shopping Center and the opening of the first office building in Capitol Office Park. At the same time, efforts are being made to preserve Greenbelt's link with its heritage with the start of the GHI rehabilitation program.

In the 1980 holiday, we—the City Council, the many citizens who serve on the City's volunteer advisory boards, and the City employees—hope that the spirit of good will and cooperation upon which Greenbelt was founded continues to grow into the future, joining one Greenbelter with another—both newcomer and old timer—in a common spirit of community.

May all of you have a joyous holiday season and may the New Year bring peace and happiness to our community, our nation and our world.

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by Hally Ahearn

A new federal Home Energy Assistance Program, more flexible than last year's, will allow a family of four earning less than \$13,630 per year to apply for federal funds to relieve home heating costs — before their winter heating bills reach the crisis stage.

This new program is accepting applicants as of December 1. Last year's program, which had much more restrictive eligibility standards, served almost 3,000 households in Prince Georges County. The county hopes the new program will serve over 12,000 households.

Benefits are computed so that the highest payments go to households with the highest heating costs and the lowest income. Lower benefits will go to those with lowest heating costs and highest incomes. The maximum payment will be \$325, the minimum \$127.

According to Michael McLaughlin of the Greenbelt city offices, GHI homeowners would determine their heating costs using the fuel cost figures cited in the itemization of maintenance charges to co-op owners each year by GHI. McLaughlin said householders are only required to "prove that it's likely that fuel oil will create a burden. They are trying to get the money out before it becomes a crisis situation," he said.

The program, funded by the windfall profits tax, will be administered by the Office of Emergency Preparedness of Prince Georges County. County officials stress, however, that this is a benefits program, not an emergency program. Householders can

get assistance before any crisis develops.

Renters, if eligible by income, may receive benefits even if their heat is provided by the landlord as an unspecified portion of the monthly rent payment.

Householders eligible for benefits, in accordance with the income chart shown here, must give evidence of gross income and deductions, the names, ages and relationships of all members of the household, and social security numbers for both head of household and spouse. All household income for the previous four weeks must be documented. Those who pay directly for heating energy should bring a recent bill (paid or unpaid) so that their account number can be placed on the application for benefits. Renters without separate heating bills should bring a copy of their lease or a signed statement from their landlord stating that the rent payment includes heating costs.

Residents of Prince Georges County who are eligible for these benefits according to the schedule below should call: 699-2662. Information concerning the program and the location and operating hours of the numerous branch offices where applications for benefits may be completed will be available at this number.

men who demanded a ride. When the boy refused, one suspect pulled him out of the car, assaulted him and the three suspects then drove off with the car. This incident took place on a parking lot in Springhill Lake. The car was later in an accident on the railroad tracks in Branchville. Investigation is continuing.

The Greenbelt Police Department's Annual Holiday Party for all city School Patrol Boys and Girls will be held at the Youth Center on Friday, December 19, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. A film, refreshments and a gift from the Department will be provided to each Patrol. Officer Watkins and Chief Lane will conduct the party and thank all patrols for their help during the year.

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6	18,810.00	1,567.50	723.46	361.73
7	21,540.00	1,795.00	828.46	414.23
8	24,270.00	2,022.50	933.46	466.73
9	27,000.00	2,250.00	1,038.46	519.23

If a family is larger than 9, call 699-2662 for more information.

Republican Club Buffet

The Prince Georges County Republican Club will hold a holiday buffet at Greenbriar Club House on Friday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. After the buffet a special music program by the Aloha Serenaders will be presented from 8-10 p.m. All are welcome. RSVP by Dec. 13. For more information call 262-7657.

After the holiday season the Republican Club will hold a registration drive.



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Saturday, December 20, 7:30 pm

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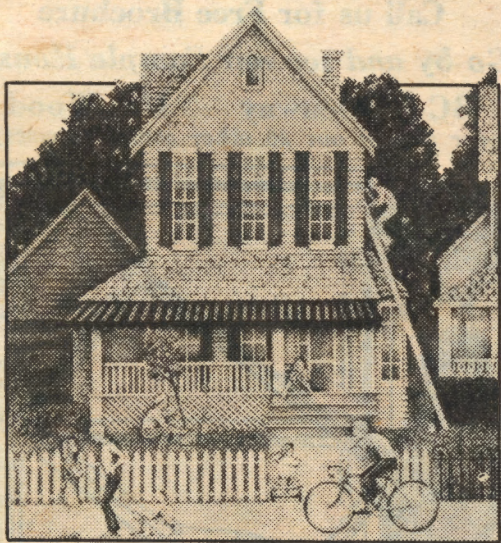
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GHI Board Votes To Change Counsel

by June Webb

At its December 11 meeting the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors voted to retain the firm of Krooth & Altman as corporation counsel, replacing Albert Ginsberg, GHI counsel for nearly 20 years. The board also acted on several rehab-related issues. Vice president Joe Jenkins presided in the absence of President Don Volk. Also absent were Directors Wayne Williams and Steve Curtis.

Management's proposal to retain the firm of Krooth & Altman as corporation counsel at a retainer of \$9600 a year was approved after much discussion. Manager Ken Kopstein gave the reasons for changing from present counsel, Schneider & Ginsberg, to Krooth & Altman as being the increased complexity of the issues faced by GHI and health difficulties of Ginsberg, which management claims have limited his accessibility to GHI. Kopstein stated that Krooth & Altman have much experience in the field of cooperative housing, and that GHI has been consulting the firm recently.

Volk Disagrees

Vice president Jenkins read a letter from President Don Volk, disagreeing with the proposal. He cited Ginsberg's many years of service to GHI, and recommended using Krooth & Altman when their expertise was needed. Audit committee member Katherine Keene expressed concern that management had not contacted Ginsberg about any difficulties faced due to his lack of a backup when he was unavailable. She felt the proposal to be "heartless" treatment of one whose legal work on GHI's behalf has always resulted in success for GHI. Jim Smith noted the increased cost to GHI of retaining Krooth & Altman, and suggested continuing to consult the firm when necessary. Bob Spear also favored retaining Ginsberg.

Director Ed James' motion to approve retaining Krooth & Altman carried, with yes votes from James, Jenkins, Della Donaldson, Carl Conrad, John Lewis and

Margaret Hogensen.

(The News Review learned Tuesday night that Ginsberg had not yet been notified that his employment is being terminated.)

Complications

Kopstein reported that Congressional action in November will cause complications in obtaining revenue bond financing. GHI expects, this month, a commitment for interim and permanent financing from the Maryland Community Development Administration. CDA's requirements necessitate a special membership meeting to obtain membership approval. A meeting date, probably in mid-January, will be set at the December 18 board meeting. The money from CDA would not be available until mid-January, so construction under Phase II could not begin until then. The delays in financing will mean a one-month roll-back of completion dates for the heating conversion.

The board tabled a suggested motion of management to authorize architect contracts for Phase II rehab. It is a CDA requirement that there be a specific contract for Phase II, although the contract for design work has already been authorized by the board, in the authorization for Phase I. A new contract is requested for Contract Administration. The contracts must be approved before the closing on the CDA loan, which will occur after the special membership meeting. The board wanted more information before acting on the request.

MHRP Loans

Management's proposal to add garage renovation to the rehab program was turned down by the board. James' motion to permit GHI to co-sign Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program loans was approved. MHRP requires GHI to co-sign the loans. MHRP loans are being obtained by some members whose rows are converting to electric heat.

The board requested management to obtain copies of the original drawings of the GHI homes, and make them available to contractors. Kopstein stated that he was already arranging to obtain the drawings from the University of Maryland.

Insulation Problems

In the discussion of member problems, board members were concerned about the adequacy of the insulation installation. Conrad wants the contractor to rectify problems in insulation coverage at no charge. Donaldson was concerned about the lack of insulation over first floor windows and doors. Kopstein said that GHI's architect is reinspecting frame insulation work with the intent of rectifying the situation. Donaldson commented that the specifications state that all exterior walls be completely filled with insulation to obtain an insulation value of R-11. Lewis wanted assurance that 73 Court's attics would be insulated soon, because members have cleared their attics in anticipation of imminent work which has not yet been done. Management said the insulating material would be available on December 15.

Vinyl Siding?

Management reported that there is still no official commitment by the Maryland Historical Trust to approve the use of vinyl siding on frame homes. Kopstein says there is reason to hope for such a commitment soon.

Steve Polaschik distributed copies of a paper titled The Functions and Duties of Directors of a Housing Cooperative. Although the paper was first presented in 1956, Polaschik felt that its admonition to board members to stick to their policy-making function and leave the day-to-day running of the corporation to the management was applicable today.

Student Staffers Leave

Two University of Maryland seniors this week end their association with the News Review. Mar-Lyn Weiner, a journalism major who lives in Berwyn Heights, has held the Alfred M. Skolnik Memorial internship through the Department of Journalism. A native and long-time resident of St. Mary's County, she hopes to pursue a career as a free-lance writer after her graduation in May.

Donna Dannels has also contributed frequent articles. A business major and journalism minor, she expects to graduate in August. Dannels is a native of Washington, D.C. and lived previously in Laurel. She now resides in Springhill Lake. Besides her full-time commitment as a student, Dannels also works part-time for the U.S. Department of Energy.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DEAL WITH REHAB PROBLEMS

by Donna Dannels

Along with improvements, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. rehabilitation has brought problems. To GHI and GHI Development Corp. these problems have led to complaints. In an effort to help resolve some of the conflicts, an Ad Hoc Member Complaint Committee has been formed.

Holding its first meeting on Dec. 1, the committee will continue to meet weekly in the board room. Committee members are: Bettie Denson, Kathy Lewis, Cathie Meetre, Mary Weisgerber, and Tillie Wetter.

According to General Manager Ken Kopstein, the committee will serve in an oversight capacity and be responsible for member relations. They will review material being distributed to members and, upon request, conduct informal home inspections.

The committee will hear complaints from members, contractors and GHI staff. Committee meetings will give all involved parties the opportunity either to pursue a complaint that has not been settled to their satisfaction or to respond to complaints that have been filed.

Member complaints have ranged from poor workmanship to insulation coming through the walls of closets, and damaged shrubbery. Pat Estel, Rehab Information Coordinator, is responsible for investigating and resolving complaints as quickly as possible. Estel, who can be reached at 474-2300, brings the complaint to the attention of the appropriate person, who must provide Estel with a written reply. In a project as complex and

extensive as the rehab, Estel feels a certain number of problems is unavoidable. However, he said, "We're trying to inconvenience the members as little as possible."

A common complaint among the contractors has been that GHI has too many chiefs, leading to conflicting instructions for the workers.

Kopstein attributes this situation to organizational problems inherent in a new corporation. GHI Development Corp. is "growing and undergoing structural changes" which should define the lines of authority more clearly.

A meeting between the Member Complaint Committee and the contractors has been scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Members are encouraged to attend the weekly meetings. Kopstein, who views the committee as "an additional check on the system," hopes members will take advantage of the opportunity and air their complaints.

If members cannot attend the meetings, they may mail a complaint to GHI, drop it into the depository box by the GHI Sales Office, or leave a message at the Rehab Office (474-2300) for a return call from a committee member.

LONG DISTANCE RACES SCHEDULED

On Saturday, December 27 at 10 a.m., the D.C. Road Runners will conduct a 10-mile and a 20-mile long-distance race starting at Braden Field and going through the Agricultural Research Center. A 1.75-mile race will start at 9:15. Sign up for the longer races starts at 9 a.m.

The Greenbelt Running Club and the Greenbelt Recreation Department will co-sponsor the races. All Greenbelt runners in all races will receive awards from the Greenbelt Running Club. For information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.

Democratic Club Notes

by Tom White

The next meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, at the Greenbriar Community Building.

The officers for 1981 will be installed officially, and a Holiday reception will follow the installation ceremony.

Elected to serve the club for the next year were: Tony McCarthy, President; Jay Davis, John Brunner, Pat Unger, and Ray McCawley, Vice-Presidents; Jeff Gallagher, Treasurer; Edith Beauchamp, Recording Secretary; Muriel Weidenfeld, Corresponding Secretary; and Dick French, Sgt.-at-Arms.

Club members are reminded to remit their dues for the coming year.

Hearing-Impaired Educational Kits

Greenbelt Library has educational kits for adults to use with hearing-impaired pre-school children. The five different kits contain games, signed English picture books, and a doll complete with a hearing aid.



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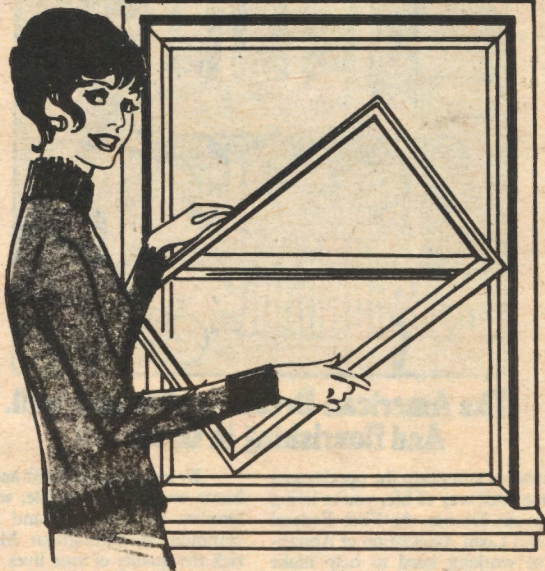
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by Hally Ahearn

At its December 8 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council asked its Advisory Planning Board to review the new revision of the preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenbelt East (the Smith-Ewing property). The original APB report, No. 238, accepted by council in November, will be passed back to the board for its comments on the changes.

City staff reports concerning the Lake Park, and including recommendations for the location of a new service road to replace the one that presently runs through the playground, will be completed shortly. Council moved that any recommendations about the service road be referred to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for consideration before council takes any action on the staff's recommendations.

Infractions

Officer John Lann of the Fraternal Order of Police appeared before council to discuss the F.O.P.'s November proposal to institute a municipal infraction code for the city for certain misdemeanors. Considerable legal research will be needed to determine which sections of the City Code should be amended to provide for infractions as opposed to misdemeanors, but Lann urged that council pass a general ordinance to provide for changing the City Code before legal research of specific changes is completed. The city manager has contacted the Maryland Technical Advisory Service which has agreed to carry out the necessary research, but not before March or April. Municipal infraction regulations have been under consideration for about three years, but city staff has never had the time to undertake the research necessary to make recommendations about which specific sections of the City Code should be amended. Park regulations have high priority in being considered for change to infractions.

Officer Lann also contributed to a discussion of two 1981 legislative proposals for which the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission is seeking council support. Lann spoke in support of one proposal, a penalty assessment act—the addition of a fee to court fines to be applied toward law enforcement and correctional training programs. But Lann opposed the second, an amendment of state law to provide for special licensing of police officers by the Correctional Training Commission. Lann feels this provision would grant further powers to the state over municipalities, although he agrees in principle with the idea of standardized certification for police officers to assure that all law enforcement officers have been properly trained for their jobs. "This law as it stands has not been adequately examined and prepared," Lann said. "Smaller cities have to have more input."

Lake Park Concession

Council passed an addendum to the lease for the Lake Park concession stand reflecting existing arrangements between the concessionaire and the city. The lease will be extended for two years and then fall on a year-to-year basis, but primarily will increase fees paid to the city. It will also provide for shrubs to be planted between the stand and the lake shore to screen the concession structure.

Council accepted Rhea Cohen's resignation as its representative to the Council of Government Environmental Resources Public Advisory Committee. Cohen resigned from the committee because of a change in her professional responsibilities.

COUNCIL SEEKS CITIZEN VIEWS ON POST OFFICE

by Leta Mach

City council will begin the new year by requesting citizen opinions about Postal service plans for a new Greenbelt Post office. The latest plan proposes a new postal facility in the Co-op basement with a portion of the city back parking lot fenced for postal vehicles.

On December 8, City Manager James Giese noted that this plan is "a compromise solution to keep the Post Office in the center." Although the city could ask compensation for leasing a parking site to the Postal Service, Giese noted that postal officials hope there will be no fee.

The Advisory Planning Board and city Consulting Engineer John Emler have recommended locating the fenced parking compound on the opposite side of the back lot from the proposed post office. In addition, Emler recommended that the fence not project into the driveway of the back lot. To accomplish this, the parking lot would have to be widened five feet, and in fact, the city does own fifteen feet of treeless land beyond the paved area. Giese noted that the Postal Service was willing to make these adjustments.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld suggested city staff also check the option of parking vehicles in a double line in that area. Councilman Richard Castaldi suggested that the city engineer and county urban designer look at the plans. The Maryland National Capital Park

and Planning Commission, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board will also be asked for comments. Although Giese felt that there could be problems with access for Labor Day, he explained that a bigger problem for the Festival was the fact that in the future the county may not grant permits next to residences.

Councilman Thomas White noted that "I'm in favor of proceeding," but he wanted a chance for citizen comments first. "This may be the salvation of our shopping center," Castaldi felt. Weidenfeld noted, "the city has a responsibility to keep the Center viable; the Post Office does add to that viability." Councilman Richard Pilski continued his opposition to this location which would require city parking. He reminded council that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has already approved the sale of a Parkway site. Pilski felt that there was no great support for the basement location. White suggested that postal officials be informed that the city is considering the matter.

Recreation Review

Holiday Hours

Hours will be extended, to the public, at both the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center during the holiday season. Facilities will be open as follows: Mon., Tues., Dec. 22, 23 12 noon-10 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 24 12 noon-6 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 25 12 noon-10 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 26 12 noon-11 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 27 9 a.m.-11 p.m.; Mon., Tue., Dec. 29, 30 12 noon-10 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 31 12 noon-6 p.m.; Thur., Jan. 1 12 noon-10 p.m. and Fri., Jan. 2 12 noon-11 p.m.

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Staff wish to take this opportunity to extend to everyone the happiest of holiday seasons.

Volleyball and Roller Skating

The Recreation Department's activities, Volleyball and Roller Skating, held in the Center School Gym will be cancelled until school

resumes on Monday, Jan. 5.

Area Gyms Open

Several area schools offer open gym hours to the public. Listed below are the Greenbelt schools and hours: Greenbelt Junior High—Sundays, 1-5 p.m. and Roosevelt Senior High—Sundays, 6-10 p.m.

1980 Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot Winners

The Greenbelt Rec. Depart., in cooperation with Consumer's Co-op Supermarket would like to congratulate the following youth for winning individual awards in the annual foul shooting contest. Winners are as follows: 8 and 9 years old - Jesse Cho; 10 and 11 years - Tommy Holland, Greg Early, Rusty Scites, Ray Chethnam; 12 and 13 years - Eric O'Neill; 14 and 15 years - R. L. England, Tim Tompkins.

In Praise of Musician

by Sally Megonigal

On November 25, a concert entitled "We Gather Together" was given by tenor John Haugh at the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center. Haugh presented a diversified program which had something for everyone in the large audience. He was sensitively accompanied at the piano by Edmond Lewis, who is also his vocal coach.

The concert began with familiar arias from Handel's and Mendels. Sohn's oratorios and continued with six opera selections in which Haugh demonstrated his considerable vocal abilities. The favorite of the audience seemed to be the tragic "Vesti la giubba" from "Pagliacci."

Haugh is deservedly becoming one of Prince George's County's best tenor soloists, as evidenced by the standing ovation given him by his appreciative audience. His tone quality and phrasing were excellent throughout the program. He demonstrated an enviable ability to perform very different types of music (from opera selections to "Danny Boy") in a short span of time. If the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center continues to

Christmas Band Concert

The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County on Sunday, December 14, presented what can be considered the best Christmas Concert to date at the Youth Center. Contributing to the Band's success was Santa Claus, who acted as the Master of Ceremonies. The instrumental music was augmented by vocal renditions by Mrs. Charlotte Kaminiski and the youthful Benjamin Stoddert Middle School Chorus of 100 voices from Oxon Hill.

The program ranged from F. Mendelssohn's "Calm Seas and Happy Voyage Overture" to Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." Traditional carols and a narration by Mrs. Kaminiski, with band accompaniment, of "A Visit from St. Nicholas, the Night Before Christmas" were also on the program. Those not in the audience missed a sparkling musical presentation from the Greenbelt Concert Band and the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Stephen Polaschik

present talent of this caliber, it should have no trouble attracting musically inclined area audiences.

New Process Revives, Repairs Storm Sewers

Work has begun on repairs to a number of sanitary sewer lines in the city by using a process known as "insituform." The work is being carried out by Insituform East, Inc., under contract to WSSC. This firm is the American licensee of the British firm which developed the process, with funding for the work coming from WSSC maintenance funds.

Insituform is a process whereby a one-piece polyester liner is inserted into a sanitary sewer, which in effect provides a new pipe. The liner, which is treated with a resin so that it adheres to the existing pipe, is forced into the pipe with water so that it conforms to the entire pipe. After insertion, a remote-control cutter and TV camera are inserted into the pipe and all lateral connections are cut out. The liner reduces the dimension of the sanitary sewer by approximately one-half inch total, but because its inside surface is a smooth polyurethane, the flow in pipes which have undergone this process is increased by 10 to 15 percent.

An estimated life of the liner inserted into the pipe is 40 years. The process is being utilized in lieu of excavation and replacement, which is considerably more costly and disruptive. It is estimated that the Insituform process, which was first developed in England in 1970, costs approximately 25 to 30 percent of the cost of excavation and replacement. This is its first use in

Greenbelt, although it has been used elsewhere in the metropolitan area since 1978.

The WSSC is conducting a study of all sanitary sewers in the original part of Greenbelt. Those undergoing repairs now have been determined to be in the worst shape. Cracks or broken or slipped joints in a sanitary sewer allow both storm water infiltration and root obstructions in the line, with the result being either sewer backups or overflowing manholes during rainstorms.

Actual work on a sewer begins in the evening at approximately 8 p.m. While a particular section of sewer is undergoing this process, water at adjacent homes is turned off.

The following lines are being repaired at this time, with work on these lines scheduled to be completed by mid-January:

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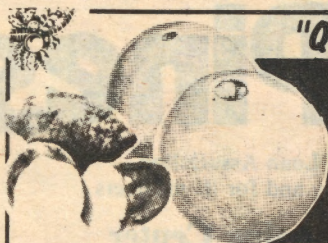
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Marine Pvt. Janice E. Durks, daughter of Phyllis V. Figurowski of Breezewood Court, has reported for duty at Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Ga. A 1980 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, Janice joined the Marine Corps in March 1980.

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Conflicting Demands On Subway Construction Aired At Public Hearing On Metro & Route

by Hally Ahearn

While economically blighted communities along the Central Avenue corridor celebrated the opening of Metro stations in the southern end of the county last week, Greenbelt City Councilman Thomas X. White appeared at the November 18 public hearing for the Metro E route to the northern end of the county. Representing Greenbelt, White read a statement urging that "only those alternative plans for the E route that will not result in further delay of construction" be approved by the County Council.

The public hearing, called to consider the S-curve portion of the proposed general plan of the E route from the District line to Prince Georges Plaza, brought forth residents from the Kirkwood apartment complex. But concerned countians from communities north of the S-curve turned out too, seeking to influence council decisions on other portions of the line.

Kirkwood residents testified in favor of Alternative 1, a modification of the S-curve general plan

which would skirt their residences but sharpen the curve of the train line. Increasing the curve would decrease train speeds, causing an increase in operating costs of \$300,000 per year. A second alternative studied by Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority engineers, labelled Alternative 1-A, would take 88 Kirkwood units but reduce capital (construction) costs by \$200,000 from the general plan. Without modification, the general plan would take 260 units of the apartment complex. Maryland State Senator John Garrity (22nd D) spoke in favor of Alternative 1.

College Park City Councilman Chester Joy, heading a contingent of College Park residents who testified, promised violent opposition by College Park residents to the proposed station at Calvert Road, a portion of the line not actually under consideration at the hearing. Calvert Road would be closed in order to accommodate this station.

In recent weeks Joy has suggested, barring the possibility of a route along Adelphi Road with a station at the University of Maryland, that the College Park station be moved to Riverdale. Representatives from Riverdale

spoke in opposition to this possibility, citing Riverdale's sacrifice of 80 homes to expansion of East-West Highway through their community in the 1960s.

In a statement which parodied Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Avondale resident James McPadden gave humorous vent to the position against jeopardizing Metro by further delays. McPadden's statement ended: "that the E route alignment for the people, of the people and with the people, shall not vanish from West Hyattsville." Or from communities waiting patiently to the north, as reiterated by Greenbelt's statement at the hearing.

Roosevelt Senior Class Holds Seasonal Sale

The senior class of Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School will be selling Christmas trees at the school, Saturday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 21, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the senior class.

The senior class will hold a party on Dec. 19 for senior citizens at Emerson House in Bladensburg. The class would appreciate donations and table games

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